



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

Eureka, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Eureka was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Founded in 1850, Eureka (population 26,128) is located along scenic Humboldt Bay, which is rich with Victorian architecture, working harbors, and marinas. The decline of the region's timber and fishing industries has resulted in a shift to lower-wage jobs for area residents. The average poverty rate is 19 percent, and poverty in two of the city's districts exceeds 26 percent. The seven miles of the Eureka waterfront area were once home to a variety of industrial operations. Today, these operations are deteriorated and abandoned. The hazardous waste, heavy metals, and other contaminants related to these



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Eureka for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the Old Carson Mill site at 1535 Waterfront Drive. Lumber mill activities at the site date back to the mid-1850s. More recent uses of the site include livestock operations, furniture manufacturing, a machine shop, and an oyster farm. Contaminants of concern include heavy metals.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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operations restrict use of the waterfront. Cleanup of the Old Carson Mill site will enable the city to continue its vital efforts to redevelop the Old Town district along the waterfront. Future development plans include innovative housing, retail, offices, restaurants, and commercial fishing operations.